

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

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W. Carl Richards, Jr., Chief Zoning Review Bureau Baltimore County Office of Planning County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Re: Former Powhatan Mining Company Site

Dear Mr. Richards,

On March 10, 2010, I met with John Lewis of your office to discuss assessment activities I was conducting at the former Powhatan Mining Company site located at 6721 Windsor Mill Road in the Woodlawn section of Baltimore County (address also noted as 2006 Emmanuel Court). The Powhatan Mining Company operated an asbestos ore processing mill at what is now a one acre property from approximately 1920 to 1980. Mr. Lewis and I discussed zoning issues concerning EPA's plans to construct a smaller building on the property following cleanup and demolition of the former asbestos mill. He was very helpful and took considerable time to explain zoning procedures and potential areas of concern after I identified building features.

On June , 2010, EPA management approved funding for cleanup of the mill and adjacent land, demolition of the mill, and construction of a garage-like structure on the property for use by the current owner. The attached two memoranda provide background information on the site, regulatory authority for the cleanup activities, a summary of analytical data and potential threats, and a description of work to be performed. Currently, an office trailer is now onsite and we are planning to begin initial activities (e.g. cleanup and removal of personal items from the former mill) in the near future.

Before proceeding too far with bid preparation for building construction, I would like to meet again with Mr. Lewis and/or other members of your staff to discuss conceptual plans for the building and to describe why I believe this project has some unique characteristics. I also need to make sure I understand zoning administrative procedures and the necessary submittals for the construction.

I am now in the Baltimore area almost routinely Monday through Friday. My email address is Kelly.jack@epa.gov and cell phone number is 215-514-6792. I hope I can meet with your staff as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Jack Kelly On Scene Coordinator Eastern Response Branch

Attachments